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Whittier.
WHITTIER, Dec. 25.—[Correspondence
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Well, well, here we are just on the eve of Christmas. I almost fancy that I can hear the merry jingle of the bells as Santa Claus hurries up his prancing reindeer. How will he manage with his sleigh here in summer land? O, he knows what he is about, and I fancy that he can ride the clouds, if need be, to hunt up the children. How many of you can tell me why we keep Christmas, and how long it is since the first Christmas and its happy light over the world? The first Christmas gift that was ever made was given to all the world. It was made in Judea. The Christmas day blew soft upon the hills. The shepherds watched their flocks in the green pastures. The night was still and starry, and all was quiet and beautiful in that far-off land across the sea. What happened then, children? What was the beautiful and holy Christmas gift that made the hearts of all good people rejoice, and filled the skies with the melody of song? Will you tell me, children?

My little friends did not forget me this week, though I have not quite as many letters as last week. But you are busy, I know, for Christmas is coming, and so I forgive you for not writing. But let us see what those have to say who have written.

NEWELL, Dec. 16, 1888.
Dear Mrs. Olin: I hope this letter is not too late to reach you. Here are the answers to the questions respecting Oliver Cromwell: His father was the youngest son of Henry Cromwell. He lived in England from the year 1599 till the year 1658. What made his name great in history was the putting down of the Rump Parliament. I have a cow and a dog part Newfoundland and part shepherd. I have another dog. I have nine games, besides a microscope. These are the games: Lotto, con and beans, go-gang, bagatelle, Russian trivium, and game, solitaire, German tactics, and a game of authors. I will stop now. Your friend,

ROMULO COMPTON.
P. S.—I have forty-five books. What a lot of treasures your name, my young friend, and a fine library for one so young. Books are splendid companions, if they are good books. I hold books among my best friends.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17, 1888.
Dear Mrs. Olin: I thought I would write you a letter. I am 12 years old. I live in Los Angeles, with my father and mother. I have one brother and one sister. My sister's name is Mabel Grace. She is 5 years old, and she is a funny little midget. She likes to hear the boys and girls' letters read. Well, it is near Christmas now, and I long for it to come. We are going to have a Christmas tree in our church, and I know we will have a nice time. I suppose you will have a great many letters before Christmas. (This is my first letter, but I hope it will not be the last. My aunt lives in Iowa, and I was there a month ago. I don't like it there as well as I do here. Good-by. From EDDIE A. JOHNSON.

I am very glad to hear from you, Eddie, and I hope that Christmas will be a happy day to you.

LOS ANGELES (Cal.), Dec. 19.
Dear Mrs. Olin: I am a boy 9 years old. I have read some of the letters in THE TIMES, and so I thought I would write you a letter. We have four big trees on our place, and they bore so many figs this year we did not know what to do with them, so mamma let me and my younger brother, Jamie, take them down to sell. We put them in our express wagon and went down Spring street to find some one to buy them. We found a man who said he would take all we brought every time we took them down, and mamma let us have the money for our own for Christmas, and last week we went down town and I bought a chest of tools for myself, which had a hammer, saw, plane, mallet, square, claw-hammer, nails and chalk. Also I bought a little book of "Red Riding Hood" for my little sister for a Christmas present. With a merry Christmas, EDWIN B. CORP.
Thank you, Eddy, and a joyous one to you.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16, 1888.
Dear Mrs. Olin: I thought I would write another letter. I was very glad to find my first letter in the paper, and hope I will find this one too. Papa took us riding out in the country today, and we had a very nice time. I see so many letters in the paper that I thought I would write another. I told you in my first letter that I live out on the hills. The green grass is coming up now. It looks so pretty. Then comes the wild flowers. I cannot tell you how pretty and how many there are. There are first, poppies, then baby-blue-eyes, then yellow violets and white bells, and so many other kinds that I cannot mention. When they are all up, we children go out around the hills and pick all we can carry. Auntie tells me that it is only nine days to Christmas. That is a very happy day for me. I am sorry that it only comes once a year. I must close now, as it is my bed time. Yours, truly, ELIZA BONSAAL.

Everything is very beautiful in California after the rains come. I think that nowhere will you find lovelier wild flowers than in Southern California. Don't they give a smiling welcome to dear old Santa Claus?

One more letter from a little friend who lives among the beautiful green hills:
SANTA SUZANA PASS, Dec. 16, 1888.
Dear Mrs. Olin: My papa has been taking the MIRROR seven years, and we all like to read it; so I thought I would write a letter for the "Children's Column." I am a boy, 9 years old, and we live in the foot-hills, which is a very nice place. We have a nice fruit orchard, with all kinds of nice fruits and berries, and a nice flower garden; and a garden with plenty of vegetables, and a nice lot of bees; they make fine white honey in the summer. The mountains look very nice now since the rain, and soon the wild flowers will bloom. My brother and I go to school every day. We study reading and spelling, geography, arithmetic, grammar, business forms, writing and singing. The teachers will keep me out of mischief. I will try to tell you something about Oliver Cromwell. He lived in England in the year 1625, during the reign of Charles I. and Charles II. His first speech in the House of Commons was made in 1629. I think. He crushed out the Irish rebellion, and he was a patriot and a benefactor. Will you tell me if I am right or not? Please excuse me, for this is my first letter, you know. Your little friend,

ALFRED WILLIAMS.
You are right about the noble deeds of Oliver Cromwell. His name is great

In English history. He was born in 1599, at Huntingdon, England. His first speech in Parliament made the King so angry that he had him sent to his home. I will not tell you more of him now, for I hope that others of the TIMES-MIRROR boys will have something to say of him.
And now, good-by, my young friends, until after the merry Christmas time, when I hope we shall all meet again in our corner. I hope, too, that every one of you will have a happy Christmas, and that good old Santa Claus will find every one of you, and make your hearts glad with his gifts.
E. A. O.

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STREET CROSSINGS.

MANY AMUSING SCENES DURING THE STORM.

A few remarks on the city's storm should be shaken up—The elements and crossings built without regard to future needs.

The area of low barometer has moved away to unknown regions in the viewless fields of air, and the downpour of rain has ceased. The sun shines forth once more, and the little ponds at the corners of the streets are slowly drying up and disappearing from view. There is still enough muck and mire left to cause the fair pedestrians to display their agility in skipping the gutter, but they will be out today in crowds all the same, and the dealers in holiday goods will do an immense business. It is lucky for them that the rain stopped when it did, but it was great fun in a certain way while it lasted.

Take for instance the little lake at the corner of Spring and First streets. There is a "mud-bath" there, designed by the worthy old gentleman who is now getting through with the City Surveyor's office. It is a daily basin, the only defect being that it does not catch. It washed first-rate when it began to sprinkle, but when the rain got wet the basin got full, and a beautiful little pond, in shape like to a recent moon, set off the attractions of the Vienna bakery and ran around the corner up First street. It covered the street-track, and was at its widest some 12 feet wide and of unmeasured depths.

As this corner has more water past it than any other in the city, it showed forth the beauties of the "Angels" system of street improvements in vivid style. Some planks were laid across by some amateur engineer in the semblance of a pontoon bridge. Unlike the bridge of the Vienna bakery, it had a draw to it, the plank spanning the horse-car track being used as that essential part of the structure.

When the rain was pouring and the little lake overflowed its banks and ran over the sidewalk quite a group of men, boys and hoodlums gathered and watched the passage of the hubbub by the citizens skurrying home. As some portly merchant made the perilous trip he would be watched with breathless interest, and bits of the beer would be loudly wagged that he would take a header into the depths below. These leaders were seldom taken, but when occasionally a passer would make a misstep and go in a sickle-deep a shrill yell of delight would be heard from the gang. Pet names and shouts of encouragement would fill the air as the victim splashed across, and stamped the water out of his shoes on the Nadeau sidewalk.

Then a horse-car was seen coming with its little mules, and a broad grin was almost audible as the crowd "waited for the circus." When the mules got to the draw-bridge they stopped and looked at the plank as if they wished it were soaked enough to eat. The driver, stimulated by the exhortations of the conductor, waded out through the water, up to the draw-bridge and chucked it in shore with an obligation on those who had blocked up his track. The mules, however, were not so easily satisfied. The hind platform was just past the rest of the pontoon, when the conductor took his turn at splashing about while he lifted a fat woman over on the plank and hastily drove ahead, leaving her standing there like a Crusoe alone on his island. The draw-bridge was up, and she could not go ahead, so she backed carefully off the plank to the shore, when strong arms grasped her and she was saved from a header. The draw-bridge was replaced, but she was too wise to essay the passage twice, and making a wide detour, was presently seen threading the maze over by the Bonanza bank, and so the fun went on. It only lacked a Councilman's falling in to make it complete.

This corner of Spring and First streets, being the most prominent, is the most easily described, but similar places came into similar descriptions, and the scene of the draw-bridge was repeated all over the city during the rainfall. At the corner of Spring and Fifth streets an even larger pond existed, and remains there to this hour. The water started up the street, because it has no outlet, and illustrates with beautiful simplicity that the laws of gravitation and inertia cannot be overturned by the official, street and short-cut engineering ever rushed through a city council.

At the junction of Main and Spring streets are more little lakes reflecting in their silvery bosoms the sheen of the eternal stars. There are none now at Spring and Ninth streets, but it is not the fault of the authorities. There is here a six-inch pipe to carry the water across Ninth street. This answers admirably in the dry season, when stray frogs find it easy and pleasant retreat, but it is no good when it rains. It doesn't carry water over. The dammed-up torrent of the late storm swelled pedestrians greatly till it found a natural and easy outlet, and leaping downward in sparkling cascades now calmly reposes in the big cellar being dug on the corner. It was a happy relief to Ninth street, not to the cellar man.

Just at Seventh and Grand avenue, here the raging waters refused, in an attempt, to run across a little culvert and down a 2x1 grate, and poured instead, into the great cellar of the new engine-house of the cable company. It is some six or eight feet deep, and will be great fun for the contractor to pump out. It is just as well for a contractor to get stuck once in a while, as well as for the public to be eternally left.

At Sixth and Olive and at Sixth and Hill streets more little ponds have been built under the new pavement just laid by George Pennie. Of course they would not carry the water, even if they did not get choked up five minutes after the rain-gauge begins to fall. Pennie knew better, but the engineers did not, and as a consequence, Olive street and Hill street are now a good deal like the Dismal Swamp.

There are some of the places in the heart of town where the rain has not proved an unmitigated boon. These are all of them (excepting at Seventh and Grand) on newly-paved streets, laid out with deliberation by the powers that be. If the results be such as these, it would be obviously better not to deliberate at all, but to let the contractors hurry ahead, and make what they can, and take the chances of their knowing something about their business.

Off from the business streets, and on the outskirts of the city, the situation is unchangeable. Great embankments have been made, without a thought of a culvert under them. The engineers don't know any better. The Street Superintendent doesn't think of it, and the contractor doesn't care a tinker's dam as long as he hauls in his stuff and gets his pay. They are not in during the summer time, and water is the last thing they think of.

The result is that when the rains come ponds are formed, private property is overflowed, and damage suits arise. Or the embankment is gradually washed away, and the work is ready for another contractor to do over again. An example of this kind of work is at Temple and Flower streets, where building lots of some value are now fully submerged. Another culvert is at Main and Chestnut streets, East Los Angeles, and Chestnut street is nearly flooded. The neighborhood is inhabited by poor families, and so well have they been protected by the contractors and officials that that neighborhood is actually drowned out. Dr. Koeberle, to know any better, the Street Superintendent had to visit a patient in that neighborhood, had to wade in water nearly to his waist. Such wades are common in this city, and soon up beautiful and high above the level of the street.

It was lucky it came up as soon as it did, however. The big ditch in Fort street opposite the "Times" office, was almost lost with his back in its fatuous abyss. Yet this has been backfilled by the contractor, as contractors do such work when let on for their own hook, and if no rain had come Fort street would have been a level, paved over that insecure foundation. The result would have been that when rain did come after the work was finished, the ditch, improperly laid, would have become a cesspool, the pavement had sunk and a crack formed in it, three feet wide and as long as the ditch. Better that the rains came to give the inspectors a lesson, even though the Belfast Spider should lose his prey forever.

And speaking about this Fort street

sewer, there is another little lake to be noted. Any tyro in engineering knows that manholes should be placed at all street intersections, and there have been none built on the Fort street sewer, though it is laid and covered up. At first and foremost, even, when there is a change of grade, and a change of 10 to 12 inches, there is no sign of a manhole. Inspector Morton having casually called the attention of the City Surveyor and his learned assistants to this glaring omission, it is likely the street will be now dug up, the pipe cut, and manholes placed where they ought to be. So again it is lucky the street is not yet paved.

So the good work goes merrily on. Work being done in this city in three or four years which other cities take three or four decades to accomplish. The contractors run things to suit themselves, and the Superintendent of Streets, who is supposed to look after them, under the Vrooman Act, has all his men can do to make their assessments for them and drain out the manholes they leave behind. The City Surveyor puts down little grade pegs when required, and bothers no more about the matter. Whether the contractors get down to subgrade, whether they use half the material called for by their contracts or only a quarter, whether the top grades give pitch enough for a good gutter, whether there is any way for the water to run off after it has run on except by filling up the neighbors' cellars—these things are only known to the contractors and their God. The people pay the bills.

As for the honorable Council, it concerns itself chiefly with keeping the force of inspectors under the Superintendent of Streets small and inefficient to properly look after the street work as it progresses. After it is done he drives through it in a motor car, and then he pays the bills.

The Council has also started to make a much-needed improvement in the efficiency of the City Surveyor's office by the novel plan of cutting down the salary. It is to be hoped the new incumbent, if he paid much or little, will remember that water runs down hill, and that you can't make 10 miners' inches flow through a knot-hole.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The Emma Abbott Opera Company arrived from the north last night on the Hawaiian line.

Amusement-loving people will have their hands full this week. Both of the theaters will be running in full blast.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph office for W. T. J. Rose, Miss Myra Disney.

The streets were thronged with people yesterday, glad to get out again after their two days' imprisonment by the rain.

The regular weekly meeting of the Elks was held at their hall yesterday afternoon. It was decided to hold a social session Sunday week.

The city is full of petty thieves and highwaymen. It is about time for some citizen with nerve to fill two or three of the rascals with cold lead.

Thomas Powell, a suspicious character, was caught last Saturday on Main street yesterday morning by Officer Purvis and taken into custody.

Police Officer Fowler was taken down with sunstroke last Saturday. He was conducted to the pesthouse at once. It is the only case in the city.

A large dog was locked up over night in the Police's store Saturday, and did not get out till this morning. He was chained up by the door and other articles before he was released yesterday morning.

James Kelly was arrested on Commercial street yesterday about noon by Officers Dillon and Harris, and locked up for indecent exposure. The man was drunk, and was making a disgraceful exhibition of himself.

If the railroad passenger agents know what they are talking about, the eastern excursionists will soon put in an appearance now. They have claimed for some time past that the contractors are holding back for the holidays.

It rained like cin up to 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and yet there was dust on some of the streets that have been paved. Every carriage in the lively staples were out during the afternoon. The day could not have been surpassed in any country in the world.

The six-day walking-match begins this evening at Hazard's Pavilion. It is the first time of the kind that has visited Los Angeles for some years, but the walking craze has almost come out of date, and it will be mighty hard for the managers to make a success of it.

The walking match will start this morning at 10 o'clock in the City Hall. It is understood that the appointment of city officials will be made. There are candidates enough in the field for most of the offices that are filled by appointment to throw Washington, D. C., in the shade, and they all expect to get in.

For several weeks past a rather erratic individual, named Theodore Rickley, has been making himself more or less numerous about the streets, and on several occasions has been brought into the police station. He was perfectly harmless, apparently, his principal weakness being a desire to talk. Yesterday Rickley's brother asked that Theodore be locked up, as he believed he was insane, and he was brought in. He will be examined as to his sanity today.

Yesterday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock a man was brought into the police station by Officer Belline bleeding profusely from two severe scalp wounds, evidently inflicted with a knife. He said that his name was Charles Haneveld, and that he was a baker employed at the California bakery, on First street. He said that he got into a fight with another baker about \$1.20 which he owed him, and that the latter cut him in the head with a bread knife. Haneveld was booked for medical treatment, and Dr. C. H. Callahan, who dressed his wounds. There were no arrests.

PERSONAL NEWS.

C. F. Killitt of Tulare is at the Nadeau. E. L. Sykes of Calabasas, Ariz., is at the Nadeau.

A. H. Bowman of Mojave, Ariz., is at the Nadeau.

C. A. Watson of San Francisco is at the Nadeau.

S. F. Gaines of Kansas City, Mo., is at the Nadeau.

S. K. Smith of Chicago is stopping at the Hollenbeck.

Mrs. John R. Reynolds of Lima, O., is in Los Angeles for the winter.

John V. Little and W. R. Wheeler of San Francisco are at the Nadeau.

George Rutherford and W. E. Rutherford of Chicago are at the Nadeau.

Miss Rennie Johnston of Indianapolis, Ind., is paying friends on Central avenue a visit.

J. S. Sanborn of San Bernardino and T. A. Sanborn of San Diego are at the Hollenbeck.

H. J. J. McKee, an attorney and city official of Hamilton, O., who has been sojourning in and around Los Angeles for the past six weeks, leaves for home Thursday via the Santa Fe.

Liquor Habit.

Ernest Golden Special, positive cure for liquor habit, for sale by R. W. Ellis & Co., 27 South Spring street, agents for Los Angeles.

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We don't want to see one of them in the house on Christmas morning.

We intend to double the quantity we have usually given to our customers. All the costly toys that were in our window, all the best price and beautiful presents we have been saving for this day have been taken from their cases and placed upon our toy stand.

Don't buy any toys on Christmas morning.

It is not necessary, for today we remove all restraint.

And with increased liberality will distribute costly presents to every purchaser.

The majority of our toys yet remaining are of the most expensive kind, many of them being worth from \$2 to \$5 each. Remember today we give away toys.

In double the quantity.

We bought more toys than up to the present time we could give away, but we will make a grand sweep of them all today. You can fill your little ones' stockings brimful of costly presents, without expense to you, by simply buying your boots and shoes of us today.

In Holiday Slippers we are largely overstocked, and being overstocked, we are going to sacrifice them today.

Every customer for slippers will find all marked down, and will receive 10 per cent. off—but for today only.

Today only 10 per cent. off.

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TO LET—SIERRA MADRE (SANTA ANITA) HOUSE.

TO LET—A HOUSE, PARTLY FURNISHED.

TO LET—HOUSE OF 6 ROOMS; EVERY CONVENIENCE.

TO LET—HOUSE OF SIX ROOMS.

TO LET—HOUSE OF 8 ROOMS.

TO LET—FURNISHED HOUSE, 78 N. GILBERT ST.

TO LET—A NICE 6 ROOM COTTAGE.

TO LET—NEAT NEW COTTAGE.

TO LET—ROOM HOUSE; 5 ROOMS.

TO LET—TWO-STORY EIGHT ROOM HOUSE.

TO LET—SMALL HOUSE AND TWO ACRES OF LAND.

TO LET—LODGING-HOUSE OF 13 ROOMS.

TO LET—NEW 6 ROOM HOUSE NEAR TEMPLE.

TO LET—FIVE FOUR-ROOM COTTAGE.

TO LET—MISCELLANEOUS.

TO LET—NICE, PLEASANT, NEWLY-PAINTED HOUSE.

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